GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6282
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TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE DIGITAL LIBRARY (TKDL)
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an MoU was signed between Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy and National Institute of Science Communication (CSIR) on 6.6.2001 for establishing the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library ;

(b) if so, details of man power and other establishments provided by NISCAIR for project, category-wise, year-wise as on today ;

(c) whether project TKDL was extend after request from the Competent Authority ;

(d) if so, the period of extension and reasons for extension, category-wise, period-wise ;

(e) the present status of project including number of staff working, category-wise.

(f) The total grant sanctioned and spent for the project as on date, year-wise, category-wise;

(g) whether it is a fact that the software for making Compact Disk(CD) of various formulation for the project Traditional Knowledge Digital Library were purchased after following purchase procedures;

(h) if so, details of quotations invited for purchase of said software including date and mode of quotation invited ; and

(i) the details of intend placed and the indenter who placed the quotation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Three Scientists , Three Technical Officers and One Senior Stenographer, have been provided by NISCAIR for carrying out the first phase of work (Ayurveda).

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The project was extended upto 31st August, 2003, to complete the transcription of additional work and editing of remaining formulations and also multistage validation of transcribed sheets. Accordingly, the services of Junior Ayurveda Experts were extended upto 31st March 2003 and that of Sr. Ayurveda Expert, Ayurveda Experts and Project Assistant(IT) up to end of August 2003.

(e) As on date, out of 36,000 formulations that have been identified and transcribed, Eminent Ayurveda experts have validated 18,200 formulations. As on date, One Sr. Ayurveda Expert, 11 Ayurveda Experts and 5 Project Assistant (IT) are working on the project.

(f) Total Grant Sanctioned : Rs. 1.2 Crore.Total Expenditure by NISCAIR up to 31st March 2003 : Rs. 83.239 Lakh, under subheads as, Salaries: Rs. 12.120 Lakh, TA/DA/Hon.: Rs. 0.158 lakh,Contingency Expenses : Rs. 1.408 LakhChemical/Consumables : Rs. 10.163 Lakh, Computer Equipments : Rs. 45.388 Lakh, Furniture :Rs. 1.269 Lakh , Books : 0.573 Lakh, Use of Lab Infrastructure : Rs. 12.160 lakh.

(g) Yes Sir.

(h) Three Software i.e. Spy CD Professional Licence, dynamic CD Professional Subscription Licence and Shell Run Standard unlimited CDsare the proprietary items of M/s PHD Computer Consultants Ltd., England, whereasAtom Park HTML Password Protector (AHPP) alongwith its CD-ROM are the proprietaryitems of M/s Atom Park Tags Lock Pro., USA.Therefore, the rates were downloaded from Web sites of above two parties for their respective products and reconfirmed by e-mail on 3.1.2003 from M/s PHD Computers and on 8.1.2003 from M/s Atom Park.These software were procured at a cost of US $ 2700 and US $ 137.95 respectively.

(i) The indent dated 10.1.2003 for three software items from M/s PHD Computers and the indent dated 15.1.2003 for software items from M/s Atom Park were placed by TKDL Team.